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- 25X1A 1. The Soviets notified the Zentralamt für Forschung und Technik at the beginning [REDACTED] of their urgent need for germanium. Dr. (fnu) Meissel, head of Fachgebiet Metallurgie in the Research and Development Department of ZAFT, was assigned to make a study of East German sources of the metal. [REDACTED] Meissel visited the unused coal deposits in the Ihlefeld region since it was known that coal mined there had contained a relatively high proportion of germanium. Mining in the Ihlefeld region was discontinued in 1948.
- 25X1A 2. Meissel's investigation showed an average of 80 grams of germanium in the ashes of one ton of Ihlefeld coal. When this was reported to the SOG in Karlshorst, the Soviets requested Zaft to develop a plan for exploiting the field. The plan is now being worked on by Fachgebiet Kohle and Energie of ZAFT.
- 25X1A [REDACTED] Comment. Available reference material locates Ihlefeld at 5 km. from Grossengottern in Kreis Langensalza, Saxony.

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